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Faculty handbook set to be revised

by Erin Roach

Many of us are unaware of the revisions that are in progress for the new Saint Joseph's College faculty handbook. Both the faculty and administration agreed that the present handbook was simply not as up-to-date as it should be on the current events in higher education. Therefore, consultant Tom Emmit was hired to provide a sample revised faculty handbook.

After the sample revised faculty handbook was presented, the Ad Hoc Committee on Handbook Revision set out to rewrite it to "fit the personality and concerns of the Saint Joseph's College faculty," according to Professor John Rahe.

The handbook basically defines all of the rules, duties, and rights of the faculty members of Saint Joseph's College. The changes that will be made to these current rules and rights include clearer procedures for promotion and tenure, clearer procedures for governance and grievances, and changes to update the handbook in accordance with federal mandates.

Professor John Rahe said, "These changes were necessary because the current handbook was getting out of date and needed to be brought up to the 1990's and beyond. The writers of the current handbook did a great job with it; it just needed to be revised

to reflect the present and future."

The Ad Hoc Committee on Handbook Revision, also called The Handbook Committee, consists of faculty members John Groppe, John Nichols, John Rahe, and Robert Schenk.

The members of the Handbook Committee are not the only individuals who will take part in the decisions concerning the new faculty handbook. The Faculty Assembly must approve or disapprove

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Students react to diploma change

by Ashley Pierce

Students may notice some changes in their diplomas. Changes have been made to update diplomas to include the new college seal and the universal type style used on Saint Joseph's documents.

One proposed change is causing a lot of controversy, however. It has been suggested that majors should be dropped. "We should make our diplomas like other colleges, which only have the degree on it," commented Vice President for Academic Affairs Bernard Parker.

Some seniors oppose this change and want to have their majors as well as their degrees listed on the diplo-



Marty Hungerford has joined the Saint Joseph's College staff. Her office is located on the main floor of Halleck Center. (Photo by Rachel Hempel)

Hungerford joins Counseling Services staff

by Becky Johnson

Marty Hungerford is Saint Joseph's new Director of Counseling Services. In this position, Marty will be coordinating counseling and tutoring services as well as serving on many committees across campus. Hungerford is looking forward to her time here at SJC. Hungerford said, "The services and programs that are offered directly affect students' attitudes and dedication to the institution."

Ms. Hungerford, a Michigan native, acquired her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Master's Degree in Counsel-

ing from Siena Heights College in Adrian Michigan. Siena Heights, like Saint Joseph's, is a four-year, Catholic, liberal arts college located in a small mid-western town. Because of the similarities, Hungerford "feels right at home" here at Saint Joseph's.

Hungerford comes to Saint Joseph's from Jackson Community College where she worked as Director of Special Populations Grant Programs. In this position she worked as both a counselor and financial aid advisor while directing federal and state grant monies.

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Offices in Dwenger will encourage student interaction

by Rachel Barlage

The administration has done something right... and deserves to be praised. Dwenger Hall, which has been empty since most professors moved their offices to the Core Building, is being used as office space for various campus organizations and publications. Vice-President for Student Affairs Bill Maniscalco has been named coordinator of the building, but he warns that the project is only temporary.

As of now, Dwenger Hall is to be torn down sometime in the future, and the college has no funds for the renovation or upkeep of the building. This poses some challenges for Maniscalco and the students whose organizations will be located in the building.

As soon as all of the student leaders have keys to their offices, Maniscalco plans to organize a meeting to discuss "issues of security and fire safety as well as the maintenance of the building."

It will be the students' responsibility to keep the building functioning safely. Maniscalco also expects the results of an assessment of the "physical integrity" of the building on June 30. This

assessment will give the administration a better idea of the possibility of saving Dwenger and (gulp) how much the project would cost. Apparently, alumni who were willing to shell out \$1,000 for a brick on the Core Building may not be as eager to make financial donations to save one of the oldest and most beautiful buildings on campus.

The use of Dwenger to house campus publications and organizations is commendable for many reasons. It would be an enormous waste to leave the building empty, even if it is not in the best physical shape (hey, I'm even starting to make friends with the bats over here).

The offices are large, and the number of available rooms allows groups such as *Measure*, ACE's, and the Environmental Club, which have never had offices, the opportunity to have a convenient and available location for meetings, as well as a place to store equipment and for club members to reach officers.

The new offices are improvements on the office space that many clubs occupied previous to the move. For example, the new *Ob-*

server office is far better suited to the needs of a campus publication than our office in the chapel basement was. Not only is it more accessible to students and staff, but it has more space for the computers and printer that are necessary for the publication of the paper.

The most important result of this project is the centralized location that Dwenger provides for student organizations. The cooperation that will be necessary in order to maintain (and perhaps restore) Dwenger, as well as the simple fact that many organizations will be located in the same building, offers opportunities for group interaction that have not been available up to this point.

Once everyone finally moves into Dwenger, almost every room will be occupied by academic clubs, student publications, service organizations, art students, faculty members, and the Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain.

With the most involved students coming together to work in the same location, there will be increased interest and awareness of what other student organizations are doing for the campus. This awareness

is essential in order for the organizations to function as productively as possible, and it could lead to more involvement and more interaction between clubs, which would strengthen individual programs as well as the overall effects of these organizations on campus.

For example, the new office locations will help to make cooperation between Gallagher Charitable Society and Student Volunteer Corps more convenient. Gallagher and SVC will be working together in the coming semester on Project PLAY (People Laboring to Aid Youth), which proposes to build or upgrade an existing park for the children in the city of Rensselaer.

The administration should be praised for its efforts to put Dwenger to use and to encourage interaction between student organizations. Hopefully, they will continue to work for the renovation of the building, using available student resources to minimize costs. Habitat for Humanity and SVC could provide volunteers for painting and repairs, and the operation would bring the entire campus together to work for a common goal.

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Dear Editor:

In her column (Jan. 25), DeAnn Hazzard discusses the low re-sale value of used textbooks and the difficulty of finding another student who might wish to buy them.

I would like to make the suggestion that the Student Association operate an exchange store for books of any kind. When I was at the University of Toronto, the Student Government ran such an exchange. Students brought their books in, attached the price they thought the book should sell for, and had it put on the shelf. If the book did not sell, the student either lowered the price or

took the book back. The exchange was open at certain times during the day, and someone was always in charge.

I bought some books myself from the exchange. The operation was non-profit. A small fee was leveled against the seller, just enough to meet expenses. The sale was not necessarily confined to textbooks. The Student Association could set up such an exchange here in one of the rooms in Halleck Center or in one of the vacated rooms in Dwenger Hall. It would be worth the try.

Sincerely,

Fr. Charles Robbins

Former Registrar and Teacher

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"For the last time, the water's cold. It's ALWAYS cold."

No major financial aid changes foreseen

by Erin Breetzke

Financial aid for the upcoming school year will be changing in a few ways, yet even with the tuition increase, students will not see a drastic change.

"As far as we know, there are no catastrophic cuts for next year," Financial Aid director, David Hoover, stated.

Institutional assistance from the college itself will be going under some changes.

"Our academic scholarships, and our need based scholarships and grants will pretty much remain the same as this year," Hoover stated. "There will be some performance grants available for band and chorus and drama. And of course the athletic grants will pretty much remain the same," he added.

As far as state aid for

students from Indiana, most changes will be made for the better.

"It looks as if those grants will go up a bit for this coming year based on the appropriations from the Legislature," Hoover explained. "The Lily Grant, which some seniors receive, will be

"As far as we know, there are no catastrophic cuts for next year"

phased out next year," he added.

"There's not too much we can say about Federal aid at this point, but everything else looks as though it will be fairly close as to what it was this year," Hoover stated.

Though student aid itself may not be effected a

great deal, the Federal government shutdown has affected the Federal Government's filing and processing system this year.

"Things are going to be late and the major problem that we are finding is that the Federal government shutdowns in December and January have put the Federal government about a month behind," Hoover explained.

Though the processing of financial aid documents is about a month behind, current students do not really have anything to worry about.

"The way things appear to be, [the students] will probably get information much sooner [than the college]," Hoover explained. "It looks like a fairly routine year except for the lateness," Hoover added.

Campus News Briefs

The Admissions Department, Minority Student Union, and Office of Multicultural Affairs is sponsoring The Northwest Indiana Youth United Gospel Choir on February 14th in the Chapel at 6:30pm.

Their will be an HIV/AIDS panel discussion in the Courtney Auditorium at 7:00pm on February 8.

SUB is sponsoring a Suitcase Party entitled The Groovy 60's in the Ballroom at 9:00pm on Thursday February 8. A raffle will be held to give away an all expenses paid trip to San Francisco.

SUB is sponsoring *Virtual Reality* in front of the Ballroom on Saturday, February 10 from 3:00 til 9:00pm. This is the final event of "I Hate Winter Week."

The Office of Admissions is looking for pictures of the SJC campus to publish in upcoming brochures. Prizes include:

Best of Show
\$100

Best "Puma Point of View"
\$75

Best Winter Scene
\$75

Best Campus Facility
\$75

"Sno-Coming" events planned

Special report by Chad Pulver and Rachel Mahns

The first annual Saint Joseph's College Sno-Coming is just around the corner! Come out and compete for the first ever title of Puma Pride Champions alongside your fellow dorm members. Take on rival dorms, day students, and faculty/staff/administration Thursday, February 15th through Saturday February 17th. Sno-Coming events begin with Thursday's Puma basketball action against the Greyhounds of the University of Indianapolis.

Most upper classmen remember "Dorm Wars" and class Olympics; Sno-Coming is a combination of those events. Not only do you get to compete for the honor of the most spirit in the Puma Pound, but also the best at co-operation and gaming skills. Most events will take place in various dorms and at the pep-rally on Friday evening. Games of skill include: checkers, pool, Ping-Pong, Trivial Pursuit, etc. Team co-

operation occurs on Friday evening after a brief pep-rally to support the men's and women's basketball squads in their final Saturday home game of the 1995-1996 season.

The events on Friday evening will consist of unusual and memorable contests. The very first Sno-Coming King and Queen, Prince and Princess will be crowned at the rally.

The team with the highest point total will have the honor of having their names engraved onto the Puma Pride Plaque. The team champions of each individual even (Spirit, Skill, and Unity) will receive miniature plaques to recognize their accomplishment. It is possible for a team to win the Puma Pride Plaque without winning a championship in the three categories.

Nominations for the Sno-Coming court will take place this week, with voting taking place at the beginning of next week.

Admissions Department is hard at work

by Julia Garcia

Although current Saint Joseph's College students are no longer involved with the admissions process, the Admissions Department continues to look for more quality students to add to the student body. Presently, the Admissions staff is hard at work attracting students that would constitute the Class of 2000 at Saint Joseph's.

According to Dr. Allen Berger, Assistant to the President, Saint Joseph's College hopes to attract about 230

--handbook

the handbook sometime this spring. The Faculty Assembly will then send it to President Albert Shannon who will forward the handbook to the Board of Trustees for their final approval. The Board of Trustees will be in charge of determining when the new handbook will be put into effect.

new freshmen, not including transfer or re-admitted students. Although this number is slightly higher than the goal set for 1995, the Admissions Department has already recruited more students than it had this time last year, sur-

"...the Admissions Department continues to look for more quality students..."

passing even goals it had set for itself.

With the Class of 2000, the College hopes to add greater diversity to the student body

of Saint Joseph's College. "We have decided to try to limit our dependency on athletic recruiting, to offer modest scholarship aid to attract students with strong backgrounds in theatre, vocal music, etc.," stated Berger. the Admissions Department hopes to attract minority students through its Minority Leadership Award Program.

In order to attract more students to Joseph's College, "the college is reviewing a proposal to add a major in criminology," added Berger.

--diploma controversy

Parker.

There are mixed reactions to these changes among the senior class. Senior Brigid Boos does not care if her major is on her diploma. Many students do not want to have the diplomas changed. "I think that Saint Joseph's is an institution that promotes individuality and to say that

the norm is not to have a major on the diplomas representative of Joseph's," commented Michelle Eberle. "Saint Joseph's has always been a type of institution that wanted to stand out, but they're trying to make other institutions," she concluded.

Minority Student Union: Striving for awareness



photo by Rachel Hempel

President Douglas Thames and fellow Minority Student Members, Dave Pruitt, Stan Conely and Marty Corley pose for a picture in front of the Black History Month display in Halleck Center.

Black History Month: *A personal view of remembrance*

by Tiffany Brooks
Guest Writer

We are all prejudice and we live in a world where society is based not upon morals and principles, but upon hate, greed, pride and anger. Everyone has lost the concept of love and togetherness. Do not get me wrong, I am not saying that you should let people run over you, but the concept of liberty, life and the pursuit of happiness have been long thrown away among the boxes of memoirs collecting dust on the very top shelf of the closet.

Today I am writing about Black History Month and what significance it holds in my life. The month of February is dedicated to black scientists, doctors, inventors, lawyers, orators, teachers, writers, poets, artists, mothers, fathers, ministers, and slaves. This month has been allotted for blacks to celebrate the great leaders who have paved the way, enabling blacks to be where we are today. In commemoration of these illustrious men and women, I would like the campus, as a whole, to participate in any activities planned for this month, to try and bring some sort of diversity to the students.

Personally, I believe these individuals should be remembered and celebrated every-day of the year. Since this seems to be completely out of the question, I hope that everyone can display respect and act accordingly. If you are not someone that believes in this, please do not hinder others who do. Though we may not live in peace and harmony and respect one another as humans, I strongly disagree with the hate that is demonstrated towards others because of skin color, race or religion. No one has the right to judge or kill anyone, you did not create this life and therefore you have no authority over it.

I am black and proud of it. This is why I acknowledge Black History Month. To all of you in a psychotic world sick with racism, please get well soon.

by William Shannon

Pride. It is something that all people should have in themselves. People of all racial, ethnic, religious and social groups should take pride in their unique character and tradition. This is the work of the Saint Joseph's College Minority Student Union, which is overseen by the Office of Multicultural affairs.

The mission statements of Office of Multicultural Affairs states that it seeks "to foster the best possible quality of life for students of color at Saint Joseph's College." They do this by offering events, programs and happenings to make the campus aware of minority affairs and cultures.

Recently, they have planned events and displays

concerning Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday and Black History Month (February). There was a banquet on the day of the commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. For Black History Month, the Minority Student Union planned displays in Halleck Center and informative "Do You Know" cards about famous people of African descent.

The Minority Student Union and the Office of Multicultural Affairs seek to sensitize the campus about the concerns of the minority community and to help the minority community develop greater pride for their respective cultures and traditions.

The words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr....

"...I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith I shall return to the South with. With this

faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, pray together, struggle together, go to jail together, stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning 'My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountain side let freedom ring.' And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring..."

Highlights of Harlaxton

Comparing Political Traditions

by Elizabeth Lieb
Foreign Correspondent

At first glance, the British political system seems strange to Americans, who are used to a written constitution, November elections and a two-party system. But after a few weeks of my British Politics Class, I appreciate the difference.

One unique thing about the British government is that there is no written constitution. They use a combination of traditions and written laws. As my political science professor says, "They can just make it up as they go along." Politicians can change laws or policies to fit their needs or to help their political party.

Since there is no constitution, there is no official date for elections, although there must be one every five years. So the party in power just waits until they have a

good chance of winning before calling for an election. The Conservative Party is now losing popularity, so they will probably wait a few more months before they risk an election.

The party system in Britain is different, too. There are two main parties, Conservative and Labour. They compare roughly to Republicans and Democrats, although both are further to the left politically. Besides these, there are several smaller parties, ranging from the serious to the absurd.

In a recent local election in Hemsworth, 10 parties ran for a seat in Parliament. One of the more interesting contenders was the Monster Raving Loony Party, represented by a former rock star who loves the spotlight. He managed to get about 200 votes in the election. The Labour Party won with

15,000 votes.

Another important part of the British political system is the Prime Minister's Question Time. Every Tuesday and Thursday, John Major has to answer questions from Parliament for fifteen minutes. Members of his Conservative Party ask questions that will make Major look good, and cheer loudly at his answer. And opposing Labour Party members try to embarrass the Prime Minister by asking questions about mistakes made by the Labour Party, which leads to loud laughs from the members of Parliament.

All of these things make the British political system interesting to follow. The newspapers are full of political news. Politics is a favorite topic of the British media (second only to scandals involving the Royal family).

The Zimmer Reviews



by Brian Zimmer

I recently spoke to a friend of mine who works for World Domination records. Somehow the conversation came to alternative music and the recent "alter na-buzz" that surrounds that genre of music. We talked for a while about newer bands and what we liked and disliked about them and why we felt the way we did. The thing we couldn't figure out was why other people feel the way they do about some bands.

Of course the topic of Bush and Silverchair came up and we both drew blank responses. What makes these groups popular? Better yet, who makes these groups popular?

The music industry is a nasty business which preys on ignorance and the consumers' fickle taste. What is good isn't always good and what is sometimes seen as great music is really crap.

Take for example the band, Rocket from the Crypt. They have catchy melodies, deep but sing-a-long lyrics, and treat their fans like their own children (I know, I was once spanked by front man, Speedo for spilling my milk at their show).

MTV decided to play their video, "Ditch Digger," a few years ago and everyone was singing their praises (Kennedy has a RFTC tattoo). When they improved their sound and stage presence a few years later, they were old news. So we all forgot, just like MTV and corporate radio wanted us to.

Enter Silverchair. They have no accompanying instruments, one rhythm guitar, sickening lyrics ("There's people crying, there's people dying"? Are you serious?), and they really can't sing or play their instruments that well. Pop culture tells us that these guys are great, so we follow, singing their praises. MTV gives us permission to like Silverchair by saying, "Hey we play it, so everybody must be listening." And so with permission given, we collectively send a crappy band on their way to platinum success.

The cream doesn't always rise to the top my friends, or at least the capitalistic one. I

refuse to be told by some corporate asshole what is really good music and I think it would be a good idea for everybody to go home, break out your Mariah Carey CD and compare it to Tammy Terrel. Take your Boyz to Men and compare it to Marvin Gaye. Better yet, Compare Silverchair to Rocket from the Crypt. Big difference, huh?

Here is a quick review of new stuff at WPUM: (I've revised my scoring a bit due to grade inflation)

Tori Amos Boys for Pele. Tori Amos is back with one of her best releases to date. What makes this album so good is the fact that it flows much better than the others did. Many times listeners would get into a groove and then all of the songs momentum would die. On Boys for Pele, which was produced by Amos, the entire album seems to pull a volcanic mind meld. Just to add to the listeners enjoyment, Tori Amos throws in strings, choral background, and horns (the french horn accompaniment is superb). Tori's lyrics are still of the in-your-face garden variety but she has matured incredibly. Some songs don't really agree with me, but as an entire work this is one to remember.

Originality: 8.1, Sound: 8.1, Musicianship: 8.2, Over all: 7.9

Cowboy Junkies, Lay it Down. Margo Timmons is back with beautiful songs of faith, devotion (that sound like another group), family, love, and betrayal. Every song on Lay it Down takes advantage of Timmons' musical talents perfectly, like the lyrics "Grief is the word I use to describe the absence of feeling" (discuss, discuss). These songs are quiet and melodic but I wouldn't advise getting pumped up before a basketball game with them, unless you planned on being kicked out for inactivity (how many people REALLY have this CD). Some of the songs show how the times have changed by including bits of fuzzy guitar but for the most part they stick to really solid, original stuff. Cowboy Junkies explore a few semi-new areas but still make it work with some older formulas.

Originality: 7.9, Sound: 7.8, Musicianship: 8.2, Over all: 7.8

Tune to 90.5 WPUM-FM, Puma Rock for the latest tunes including, Aimee Mann's new one, I'm with Stupid, which I would have reviewed but the man won't give me more space!



Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Lieb: The Cottage Block which was once the stables now serves as a dorm.

Athletic Profile: DaSilva adds diversity to Saint Joe Intramurals

Provide Fun Competition for Students



Rosa DaSilva is ready to play as she poses in her Saint Joe Soccer Uniform.

Photo by Rachel Hempel

by Jill Peterson

For Head Soccer Coach Mike Minelli, it was pure luck that freshman soccer player Rosa DaSilva decided to attend Saint Joseph's College. After coming to the United States in 1993 as a Brazilian exchange student who wanted to learn English, DaSilva attended North Newton High School. Returning last spring to visit some friends, DaSilva was offered a place to stay by her high school volleyball coach.

Although she never has a second to spare, she loves to keep busy because sometimes being so far away from home can be tough.

"At first, I missed my family quite a bit. It didn't take long to get over my homesickness because I was so busy working at the cafeteria, playing soccer, and doing my homework. In addition, I love meeting new people and it was fantastic being able to become acquainted with all of my

new friends here," she noted.

Soccer has been the love of DaSilva's life for as long as she can remember. At the age of five, she started playing soccer in the garage of her Recife, Brazil home with her brothers, Samuel and Paulo. "In Brazil, playing soccer is the main pastime for almost all males. When I began to play at such a young age, the boys in my community accepted me and treated me like one of them. If they would not have, who knows if I would have ever learned my favorite sport in the whole world!" she exclaimed.

Her local club team, Santa Cruz, is ranked third in the nation, something of which DaSilva is very proud. "I enjoy playing soccer at a national level. The competition is very intense, but I feel that I am a true competitor," she remarked.

Minelli agreed, "Rosa is a very enthusiastic and energetic player. Her good sense of humor adds a lot to our team along with her determination to improve."

Luckily for the Inter-

national Business major, Saint Joe competes in soccer at the collegiate level. In Brazil, emphasis is placed on academics before athletics.

"Fortunately, here in America, I get the best of both worlds. By coming to Saint Joe, I am able to play soccer and study at the same time. That really means a lot to me," DaSilva commented.

From a foreign perspective, DaSilva noted that life seems easier in the United States. "Americans don't know how good they have it. There are so many chances to improve yourself and better your lifestyle. In Brazil, no matter how hard a person works to get ahead, most of the time it is useless to strive for excellence. Here, if the opportunities are given to you, you can work extremely hard at a desired goal and reach it. The saying, 'America: Land of Opportunities' is so true!" she commented as she reflected on the advantages of our country. Even after being bothered by shin splints and injured quadriceps at the end of the outdoor season, DaSilva has overcome her injuries through dedication and a hard work ethic.

"She has spent numerous hours running extra miles and lifting weights. Rosa's positive attitude has been a huge asset to her commitment to soccer," Minelli said.

"I am not satisfied with myself unless I am giving 110% and I know that I am doing my best!" DaSilva exclaimed.

"She has done a nice job adjusting to the collegiate level; her dribbling and shooting skills are very strong," Minelli added.

Being the humorous and fun girl that Rosa is, she finds pleasure in listening to music, dancing, going out with good friends, surfing, and going to the beach.

"Lake Banet doesn't exactly compare to the beautiful beaches in Brazil,"

DaSilva joked. "Learning about other cultures is also one of my favorite things to do. However, Brazil is the place I call home," she said. The mid-fielder plans to return to Saint Joe next year. At any rate, her mother and father, Maria and Jose, would love for their daughter to come HOME.

"They want the best for me, but, of course, they miss me. If I go back to Brazil, I will not be able to get the education and experience that I have gotten here," she observed. DaSilva's career goal is to work in the international realm of business. "I love to travel and deal with other people,"

One edge that Rosa has over so many college students is that she can speak English and Portuguese fluently. The fact that she is currently taking French as a course at Saint Joseph's and her determination to learn Spanish in the future should help her out tremendously.

DaSilva said that her peers at Saint Joe have helped her adapt to the American way of life. "All of the soccer players especially have been so hospitable and friendly. Whenever I need a place to stay or there is a party to go to, they welcome me with open arms," she said.

After college, Rosa does not want to stop playing soccer competitively. "My ultimate aspiration is to build a soccer field and team in order to get some of the less fortunate children in Brazil off the streets. I will help them to accomplish some of the same goals that I have been able to achieve."

Whatever she does in the future, DaSilva will be successful. Her persistent and confident attitude is a key benefit to her accomplishments as a student and an athlete. As some of her fellow teammates declared, "Rosa is the BEST!"

by Kevin Collins

Intramurals have been a great success this year and have attracted several students interested in some fun competition. Every year, IM's begin in the fall with everyone competing on the softball field. Next comes braving the cold, dark, and rain to play football. Then moving indoors out of the elements of mother nature comes a trip to the bowling alley. And now, the most versatile athletes at Saint Joseph's College have moved to the warm confines of the Rec Center to play I.M. basketball.

With a number of teams playing in the A, B and Women's leagues, everyone is getting to play several games. At the close of week two, the leaders in intramural basketball are emerging as follows. For the men of the A league, there are two teams with three wins under their belt. They are Penetration with a record of 3-0 and Skeezer Pleezer with a record of 3-1.

The men of the B league are led by the long range guns of Strictly Shooters and they possess the only undefeated record of 5-0. Pulling a close second are the Tidows and En Fuego, both with 4-1 records.

On the Women's side of the court, it's KY-Connection pulling away from the field with a 4-0 record. Their only competition seems to be coming from the Ghetto Cruisers who have a 3-1 record.

Individuals putting up the best numbers to this point include Assistant Volleyball Coach Kevin Furnish of Staff Infection, averaging 22 points per game, former Puma basketball player Brad Evans of Penetration, averaging 18.6 points, and Denise Fitzgerald of The Girls, averaging 14 points per game.

I.M. Director Mark Settle said "Up to this point, the I.M. basketball season is going very well, thanks mainly in part to the efforts of Doug Giordano and Eric Ziolkowski. These guys are doing a great job. I'm sure the rest of the season will go just as smoothly." I think everyone would agree with Coach Settle on this. Let's keep things going smoothly and not give the refs too much trouble during the rest of this Intramural season.

Go Pumas!

Men's Soccer Hosts, Wins Indoor Tournament

by John Osborne

The Saint Joseph's College Men's Soccer team hosted their annual winter indoor tournament January 29, and for the second consecutive year they brought home the hardware.

The Pumas, who suited up two teams, dominated the competition in the round robin phase of the tournament with no team coming closer than two goals of either squad. The challenges heated up in the semi-final round and the tournament concluded with a showdown between the two host teams.

Saint Joseph's A bracket squad, The Pumas, started off the tournament with an easy 5-1 victory over Northwest United #1, a team comprised of some of the region's better older players.

Next, the Pumas disposed of the University of Indianapolis, 4-2, and capped off the first round with a 3-1 victory over Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne. The second host team, SJC, breezed through the first round of the B bracket as well, with victories over Northwest United #2, Lake Forest College, and Manchester United.

The top two teams from each bracket moved on to the semi-final, pitting IPFW against SJC and Manchester United against The Pumas. The Pumas disposed of Manchester United 2-0 on two goals by Freshman Scott Moser. SJC and IPFW then played probably the best game of the tournament. After twenty-five minutes of regulation play, the teams were knotted 3-3, with

SJC's goals coming from Sophomore Bill Gill (2) and Darren Nowaczyk. The game would be decided in a sudden death overtime with no goalkeepers, and each team had to send a player off the field every two minutes. After six minutes of play, each team was left with three players as Junior Dennis Nowaczyk buried a shot from mid-field to secure the win.

SJC's win set the stage for the match everyone had been waiting for. Unfortunately, the game didn't live up to its expectations. The Pumas, who suited up only two varsity players, ran out of steam and SJC's Brian Butcher scored the game winning goal approximately five minutes into the game. Darren Nowaczyk added an insurance goal ten minutes later,

which was enough for a win as The Pumas couldn't find their way past goalkeeper Chuck Carmody and the SJC defense.

Head Coach Mike Minielli was very pleased and proud of both teams, and took this tournament as a sign of things to come.

"I'm very happy," Minielli said. "Both teams did extremely well, obviously since both were in the final game. We played good team soccer and that was the most pleasing thing. Hopefully, we can have a good spring season where we are improving all the time instead of taking one step forward and two steps back."

**Congratulations to Laura Witek
who was named to the 1995 NCAA
Division II Cross Country All-Academic Team**

Puma Hoops

Saint Joe vs. Quincy

Men lost 83-72
Kevin Denson--26 points, 8 reb.
Women won 82-72
Jessica Henry--18 points
Tami Pottinger--17 points
Mindy Metzger--13 points
Mindy Lafoon--13 points

Saint Joe vs. Lewis

Men lost 71-58
Chad Patterson--13 points
Hiram Thomas--11 points
Record stands at 11-8;
7-6 in the GLVC

Women won 66-63
Tami Pottinger--23 points, 11 reb
Mindy Lafoon--17 points
Tammie Williams--11 points
Record stands at 14-6;
9-4 in the GLVC

Puma Pound Rouses Team Spirit

by Jim Wirtes

With the 1995-96 Puma basketball season off and running, it was time once again for the opening of the Puma Pound. Every year as the students come back to school for the start of the second semester, the bleachers at the west end of Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse (The Puma Pound) are opened up for the students to make as much noise as humanly possible. Some students take pride in sitting in the Puma Pound, cheering passionately against the Pumas' opponent, telling the referees what a good game they are missing, and, being the friendly people that they are, letting the other team's bus driver know when it is a good time to start their bus. Others just like to sit passively and enjoy the game.

The Puma Pound picked a great night to reopen this season. Thursday, January 11th, the University of Southern Indiana came to town. Their Women's team is the defending Great Lakes

Valley Conference Co-Champs and their Men's team the defending NCAA Division II National Champions. What a way to start off the Puma Pound season! For the women a loss would mean falling into 3rd place in the GLVC, but a win would mean much, much more. In the second game a win for the men would mean a victory over the defending National Champs and the 3rd ranked team in the nation.

The Puma cagers were up to the task and so was the Puma Pound. As is the usual ritual, most students show up at the end of the Women's game. This night would be no different. When they finally arrived, however, they vigorously cheered for the Lady Pumas, who went on to win 99-98.

The Men were heavy underdogs that night with something to prove to Southern Indiana. With the Puma Pound near capacity and cheering the loudest it has in a couple of years, the men

went on to upset the third ranked team in the nation 82-80. Several players and coaches marveled at the excitement in Alumni Fieldhouse that night. One player thanked the fans "for coming out and giving the teams a real boost. We couldn't have won tonight without them." A lasting memory will be Head Coach Bill Bland hurling the game ball into the Puma Pound at game's end as his own way of thanking the fans for their support.

Hopefully the Puma Pound can continue to be near capacity night in and night out. Although, the last couple of weeks it has seen a significant decline in attendance, and the lack of intensity from the students may reflect in some players' game.

Though there may be no direct correlation between the play of the Pumas and the intensity of the fans, the issue always seems to come up.

"I think the fans do have an impact on the teams'

play. They can really pump up a team," commented Alan Brinker, a color analyst for WPUM radio. "When the crowd gets into the game, the players always seem to get a second wind and that extra boost could decide a ball game," he added.

The Puma Pound has seen some memorable games; including a few upsets. The picture on the back of this year's basketball program is from a game two years ago when the Pumas upset Kentucky Wesleyan, who was ranked one of the Top 10 in the nation. With the Puma Pound packed and as loud as any crowd, the Pumas went on to the upset victory.

Both Puma teams will be on the road this week, but will return home on the 15th and 17th of February to Alumni Fieldhouse. Hopefully they will return home to a capacity crowd and a packed Puma Pound. They need all the voices they can get with the band leaving after halftime and all.

Indoor Track Results

The Men and Women's Indoor track teams competed at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Invitational on Saturday, February 3. Pumas who finished in the top 5 in their respective events were: Lisa Walsworth-5th in the 5000m run; Missy Sibbo-3rd in the 1700m run; Erin Chapple-4th in the 1700m run; Stan Conely-2nd in the 400m run; Mika Stoker-1st in the 400m run; Erin Clark-5th in the 55m run; Jay Scafield-1st in the 55m run; Brian Fields-2nd in the 55m run; Shelly Laborde-4th in the 200m run; Pat Lockwood-4th in the 800m run; and Dena Gaumer-4th in the Shot Put.

Laura Witek qualified for the Indoor Nationals later this month in Indianapolis in the 5000m run. Sophomore throwers Bryan Hall and Toby Cheatam also qualified in the 351-pound throw.

Reflections of Faith



Photo by Jen Palecek
by Faith Sievers

You sit in the cafe and hear it. You sit on the "john" and you hear it. Wherever you go you hear it- GOSSIP: the six-lettered synonym for trouble.

Let's face it guys. It's hard to find someone who has never been guilty of gossiping. We all do it at some point. Why? Now that's a difficult question. Most don't think about it, gossip just comes naturally.

One reason for gossip is the boredom factor. Picture it: you're sitting in class as the teacher dissects the chapter that you already read. Nothing new is introduced. There's just the brain-numbing drone of your prof. Büt härk! Another voice has become audible and perks your interest.

The guy behind you tells someone across the aisle about last weekend when Suzie got a little tipsy and did a strip show for the Bennet boys. So you turn around and say, "Ah, that's nothing. Did you hear about Bob? He streaked from Gallagher to Justin for a case of beer."

Then Bob and Suzie find out you've been spreading rumors about them and start telling people that you still sleep in your ex-boyfriend's shirt and cry yourself to sleep every night. Thus the ugly chain of gossip begins.

Another reason that we gossip may just be in our genes. And I'm not talking about those pre-shrunk, stone-washed "Wrangler's" with the yellow stitching either!

Recently researchers have discovered a new chromosome-the G chromosome, which is thought to be the cause of much gossip. It was located on the tongue of a teenage girl who was known for her uncontrol-

lable need to gossip. She was in the hospital due to a recent beating she had received from another teenage girl who was seeking revenge against the gossip queen, when they found her and made a special case study.

A third reason many people commit the act of gossip is to curb their feelings of comparative inferiority. Out of subconscious resentment/jealousy for others, many lash out with blackmail-type information.

Say perhaps your latest beau was "stolen" from you by a former good friend (who used to share her deepest darkest secrets with you.) So you tell everyone she used a "Wonderbra" to fit into that dress you loaned her for the Christmas Dance. You hope that this will make her look bad, and conversely, (not the shoes, folks) make you look better.

However, this will do just the opposite. Your ex-friend may be embarrassed for a while, but you'll be the fool when people find out that the only reason you told that story was because she has your ex-beau.

Here are the top five ways to put an end to gossip:

1) Every time you catch yourself gossiping, replace the name of your victim with your own and see how it feels. Or substitute the name Pee Wee Herman, for the story sounds just as silly with either name if you really think about it.

2) Become involved with other time-consuming activities, such as the art of yodeling in the shower, or doing keg-stands.

3) Begin research and experiment with cures for removing the inherited G-chromosome, and become a noted scientist and Nobel Peace Prize winner (or a guest on Montel Williams).

4) Seek other methods of revenge like tying your enemies down and threatening to pluck their nose hairs out one by one.

5) Become a member of the GFA, (Gossip-Free America) and you'll become such a radical extremist that no one will listen to you anyway.

If you choose not to follow this advice, I wish you good luck as a phone-a-holic or tabloid writer when you grow up.



Junior Nicholas Anagnost is looking for love in all the wrong places. Nick, who hitchhiked to Homer, Alaska this summer, is planning to return to Alaska to visit Rocko, his closest Moose friend (and sweetheart), on Valentine's Day.

Coping with Valentine's Day

by Kathleen Brass

As I have been doing my usual pondering of issues to address in my article, like how to create world peace, why mean people suck, and why it is so cold that my crutches continue to freeze to my hands, I discovered a large mass of negative energy floating over much of the campus. This energy was not the usual bad vibes, from a bad test week, or a boring weekend, but, rather a grumpy, emotional, almost hateful energy. I continued to hear negative utterances everywhere I went that had anything to do with pictures of hearts, or scenes of love. It was from this very point that I finally deduced that most students at Saint Joseph's College generally hate Valentine's Day.

I do not fully comprehend why so many people are not happy about the holiday. Maybe it is the fact that it is in the dead of winter and it is so cold people don't want to break a smile for fear of their lips freezing to their teeth. (But, it being so cold, I would

think that people would want to get close in order to share their natural body heat.) Or it could be that the initials of Valentine's Day, VD, are too unpleasant for certain individuals on campus, and they just want to forget about these two letters altogether.

For me, Valentine's Day marks the holiday between Christmas and Easter where you get candy, and occasionally, presents. What could be bad about that?—I know! The lack of a loved one who will GIVE you candy or a present. Well, this should be no problem. That is why I have compiled a list of WHY IT'S BETTER NOT TO BE LOVED ON VALENTINES DAY.

1. Chocolate has, on average, 8 grams of fat per serving. If someone really loved you why would they be trying to make you fat?

2. According to Junior Jason Grzegorek, "Valentine's Day is just a big, bad holiday created by Hallmark." You know that Mr. Hallmark is sitting somewhere right now saying "I can't believe all the

money I am making because I made up a special day for people to send each other cards that say 'I love you'." You don't want people thinking you are foolish, do you?

3. If someone buys you a present for VD (sorry folks), that means you have to buy a present to give them. You are in college and you don't have money to be throwing around anyways!

4. If someone loves you on Valentine's Day, it makes watching Rachel and Ross on "Friends!" all that much less dramatic. You know you idolize one of those characters. What's the fun of living through those two in TV life if you would be cheating on someone in real life?

5. Finally, you really don't want someone telling you they love you just because it's Valentine's day. They have been pressured into it at that point. Wait until about a week or so after Valentine's Day, and then, if they do say "I Love You," it will truly be special.